

Minutes from the Sub-Committee B Meeting
“Identifying actions that might be taken to ensure the long-term protection of the Mahomet Aquifer”

June 1, 2018

Place: Livingston Center, 224 E. Livingston St. Monticello, Illinois 61856

Time Started: 10:35 AM

Time Adjourned: 12:08pm.

Members Present:

Teresa Barnett, DeWitt County Emergency Management Agency
Alec Davis, Illinois Environmental Regulatory Group
Jim Risley, Mahomet-Seymour School District
Mayor Deborah Frank-Feinen, City of Champaign
Steve Turner, Illinois Farm Bureau
Senator Chapin Rose, 51st District
Mayor Diane Marlin, City of Urbana
George Roadcapp, Illinois State Water Survey/Prairie Rivers Institute
Mayor Julie Moore-Wolfe, City of Decatur
Davide Zimmerman, Tazewell County Board (on the phone)
Mayor Larry Stoner, City of Monticello
Barb Lieberoff, Illinois EPA
Rick Cobb, Illinois EPA

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

Approval of Minutes from 4-16 Meeting

Sub-Committee Chairmen Mayor Larry Stoner calls the meeting to order. The first item on the Agenda is the approval of the meeting minutes from the 4-16 meeting. Sub-Committee Chairmen Mayor Larry Stoner asks if there are any questions or comments. Asks for a motion to approve (mic inaudible) motion to second by Mayor Julie Moore-Wolfe. The minutes are approved. Barb Lieberoff addresses the sub-committee that if anyone is on the conferece call to speak up and identify themselves for the record. David Zimmerman from Tazewell County is on the phone.

Presentation: Bill Compton, Chair Governor’s Groundwater Advisory Council; “Insight from a local perspective”

Sub-committee chairmen Mayor Larry Stoner introduces Bill Compton to the Task Force. Bill Begins by giving his background and his involvement in Illinois Source Water/PWS Issues and this included:

Caterpillar Illinois Facilities

--Five Groundwater, One Surface

--Regulatory and Legislative Involvement

Groveland Township Water District, Chairman Emeritus

Illinois Chamber of Commerce Environment Committee

Illinois Environmental Regulatory Group Executive Committee, Chairman Emeritus

IGPA Groundwater Advisory Council

IGPA Central Region Groundwater Protection Committee

Numerous IEPA, IDNR Committee Regional Project Initiatives

IDNR Middle Illinois Basin Water Supply Regional Study (ongoing)

Focus on Local Governments

-local government authority to protect groundwater includes:

-adopting maximum setback zone ordinances

-conducting groundwater protection needs assessments participating in the establishment of priority groundwater planning regions and regulated recharge area and adopting setbacks as a zoning overlay district

Keep in mind

-Unintended Consequences

-Charles Hostetler: Need to understand the content of the regulations and how well they work

-Are they ore will they be effective and useful

-Need to understand the content before approval of blanket recommendations

-Whether they impose unfunded mandates

-Whether the local governments will budget to sustain the recommendations

Illinois Groundwater Protection Act (IGPA) (PA 85-086, 1987)

-IGPA-a unified, prevention-oriented program that relies on state and local partnerships by enhancing cooperation and

-providing for surveys, mapping and assessments

-requiring groundwater quality standards

-setting groundwater protection policy

-monitoring ambient groundwater quality

-establishing water well protection zones

-establishing authority for recharge area protection

-requiring technology control regulations

-establishing a regional groundwater protection planning program

-establishing a groundwater education program

IGPA-a Unified, Prevention-oriented Program that relies on State and Local Partnerships by Enhancing Cooperation

-Assigned various administrative and technical duties and responsibilities to the Illinois EPA and the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources

-Established

-Interagency Coordinating Committee on Groundwater (ICCG)

-Groundwater Advisory Council (GAC)

-Four Priority Regional Groundwater Protection Planning Committees

-Assigned responsibilities to the ICCG, GAC and Regional Priority Committees

-Defined specific areas Interaction and cooperation between the ICCG and GAC with IDNR and IEPA

GAC Activities

-Provide Open Meeting Act Liaison to Affected Stakeholder for Input

NGO Environmental Groups

IL Farm Bureau

-Business/Industrial Groups

IL Environmental Regulatory Group

IL Municipal League

IL Chamber of Commerce

Chemical Industry Council of IL

-ICCG, IEPA, IDNR Concerns

GAC Accomplishments

-Pleasant Valley PWD Regulated Recharge Area

-GAC recommended state-wide water quantity planning and management program

Accepted by the ICCG 2001

-GAC participation in

Implementing Executive Order No 5 ICCG to Establish a Water Quantity Planning Program 2002

Preparing the Integrated Water Planning and Management Plan Submitted to the Governor and General Assembly 2003

Central Regional Committee Accomplishments

-City of Pekin, IL comprehensive recharge area protection overlay zoning ordinance and maximum setback zone ordinance

-Tazewell County, IL county-wide groundwater protection ordinance

-Pleasant Valley PWD regulated recharge area IL Pollution Control Board Rule

-City of Marquette Heights CWS Maximum Setback Zone

-East Central Illinois regional Water Plan (Mahomet Aquifer)

Presentation Q/A

Steve Turner asks Bill Compton a question however the audio was disrupted and was unable to hear the exchange. Diane Marlin asks Bill Compton about clarification on the Groundwater Advisory Council and the area that it covers and is there a subcommittee that covers the Mahomet Aquifer? Rick Cobb Illinois EPA shows a map of Mahomet Aquifer/Areas in red are the recharge area and are the Regional Planning area. Counties are Tazewell, Woodford, Mason, Peoria are in the red zones. Most of the Mahomet Aquifer are brown low for recharge. Some are red—recharging areas Champaign area. We used this map to establish the areas. Sen. Chapin Rose comments the groundwater ordinances and if they are available. Rick Cobb commented that they are available on the Mahomet Aquifer webpage and he would email Sen Rose the attachment if he couldn't find them. Alec Davis asks Bill Compton what his assessment is on if he has been successful in what they have accomplished, 2nd do you believe these tools in the regulatory program are adequate and 3rd what do you think the balance is between locals and state? Bill thinks yes we have been successful. Even though we have people from different backgrounds we all want the same end result. Answer to your 2nd question yes b/c it gives people it gives people to see what works and what doesn't and the technological advances are there too. Thirdly, overall the balance with all the experience has been great and a good learning experience. Steve Turner asks Bill Compton when you started your presentation one of the first points you made was quality vs quantity. Bill commented that you have to make sure you have all the stakeholders at the table and participating. Sen Chapin Rose comments about the pollution control rule. Rick Cobb comments about the Pollution Control Board and their authority and how they adopt rules.

Sen Rose asks if he can have the floor to discuss the passing of his two bills yesterday. SB2706 Underground Natural Gas Storage Safety Act and HB4746 Incident Reporting and Annual Inspections.

Work Product Discussion

Mayor Larry Stoner comments that I think a lot of what we do hinges on what sub-committee A does. Jim Risley comments about the how he's rather move slowly while learning then sprint at the end with all the knowledge. Mayor Larry Stoner asks for other comments.

Future Sub-Committee Meetings

Mayor Larry Stoner asks about the next meeting and it will be held. July 9 works for everyone and it will be back in Monticello.

Public Comments

Randy Locke-Geological Survey comments on the new document from PRI that they will bring to the June 18th meeting.

Constituent (didn't catch his name) from DeWitt county concerned with the groundwater quality from the wind farms.

Sue Lockhart concern with coal ash leaching into streams and is it a concern of this task force?
Rick Cobb discusses the recent citizen lawsuit and the Visera update.

Adjourn

Steve Turner made a motion to adjourn Diane Marlin 2nd that motion.

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